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Applicant's amendment of April 18, 2003, has been entered and the remarks therein noted and considered.

The rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, has been overcome by applicant's amendment (4/18/03) to delete the rejected language, and thus the rejection is hereby withdrawn.

All prior art rejections are maintained as they apply to the claims, and thus the application has been returned to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for final action and decision.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Keith Hendricks whose telephone number is (571) 272-1401. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30am-6pm); First Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on (571) 272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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